

## Alsace-Lorraine Buffer State of Europe

History is but repeating itself once more in the big conflict where the French and Germans are battling in Alsace and Lorraine, buffer state and site of war for more than 1,000 years. Almost times without number, since the year 843 A. D., the people of what is now Germany and France have fought for the possession of Alsace and Lorraine, that territory changing from one flag to another with astonishing frequency.

The history of France and Germany, as separate nations, begins in 843, 1052 years ago, and the history of the woes and tribulations of Alsace and Lorraine as the bone of contention between the two and as conquered territory by the one and then by the other, began soon after that same year 843.

**OF AN ANCIENT STRUGGLE**  
The present campaign that France is waging against the Germans in Alsace is, therefore, only the continuation of a struggle over 1,000 years old. The fact of modern political position has created the problem. It is a problem which will remain unsolved and unsolvable as long as the Rhine flows and the Vosges mountains stand. France says that the Rhine is her true eastern frontier. Germany says that the frontier lies beside the mountains.

It was in 843 that the three grandsons of Charlemagne, fighting among themselves, decided to end the controversy by dividing their grandfather's possessions among themselves. They acted on the ancient principle that the lands and the people dwelling upon them, tilling the soil in peace and fighting the battles in war, were the private property of the sovereign, ruling by the "divine right of kings." Charlemagne had ruled the whole Europe as one united government, with the exception alone of the private possessions of the Pope of Italy. His capital was at Aachen—the Aix la Chapelle of modern times, which is now a possession of Prussia.

Charlemagne's son, Louis le Dabonair, was too weak to hold together such heterogeneous empire of peoples of different race and temperament, and speaking different tongues, their only bond being an official religion, that of their sovereign and a common government. He was too weak even to rule in his own family, and long before his death his three sons were quarrelling over their prospective inheritance. The one who was the strongest, called Louis, the German, had the first choice in the division, and he took Northern Europe and became King of Germany. The second brother, Charles the Bold, took southwestern Europe and became King of the Franks. In the main, the descendants of the people of these two kingdoms are the Germans and French of today.

These two brothers took land which formed a compact whole and which could easily be defended. The people of Louis all spoke one language and the people of Charles, now the French, all spoke another.

The third brother, Lothair, the weakest, had to take what was left of his father's empire. That included what is now Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Alsace, Lorraine and a strip of Northern Italy. It was peopled by many different nationalities, and it could not be easily defended because the Alps broke it into two parts, and the narrow strip along the Rhine, from the Alps to the North Sea, which kept the possession of Louis from touching the shores of Charles, was too great a prize not to be coveted by both the stronger brothers and they soon began to fight one another about it, each to take it away from Lothair. Thus the troubles of the last six centuries began.

## NEWS OF ASHLAND

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ASHLAND, VA., August 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bogue, who have been guests of Mrs. J. H. Plimley Wightman at the Peconic, have returned to visit their aunt, Mrs. A. C. Wightman, before returning to their home in Baltimore.

Mrs. S. J. Brown and Miss Mary Elizabeth Doswell and Master "Jack" Doswell have gone to Augusta County for a visit to relatives.

Misses Brooke of Richmond, are visiting Mrs. Marion Fisher.

Miss Virginia Howson left yesterday for Middleton to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. William Magill Lasher have returned from a visit to relatives in New York.

Miss Virginia Marshall has gone to Virginia Beach to a house party given by Philip Corbitt of Chesapeake.

Miss Louise Tucker, of Forest Hill, was the recent guest of Miss Eva Agnew at the Henry Clay Inn.

Miss D. S. Ellis and Miss Katherine Ellis have returned from a visit to relatives in North Carolina.

Mr. J. L. Egan and Miss Susanne Price, of Chase City, are guests of Mrs. P. M. Wright.

Frank Bate, who has been visiting friends here, has gone to Bedford City for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins, Miss Anna Mary and Masters Hopkins, have returned to their home in Baltimore, after spending July and August with Dr. and Mrs. John Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. C. Root, who have been at Hawley Springs, returned home on Thursday.

Miss Estelle Smith, of Farmville, and Charles Collier, of Tennessee, are guests of Professor and Mrs. R. H. Smith.

**ILLASKI VOTES BONDS FOR MACADAM STREETS**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ILLASKI, VA., August 22.—At a special session here today Illaski voted a majority of 181 for a bond issue of \$100,000 for the purpose of the bonds to be used for the improvement of the macadam streets. In June the voters voted \$50,000 for school buildings.

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EVERYTHING COSTS LESS AT  
**WISBERGERS**  
RICHMOND'S GREAT STORE

## Extra Specials MONDAY

Close-out specials on merchandise from all over the store that must be cleaned up before fall merchandise begins to arrive. Read every one carefully; they indicate radical savings on merchandise you need and want right now.

### Women's Suits

Women's Spring and Summer Suits of serge and crepe, gabardine and silk moire, in good colors and styles; worth \$25 to \$35, special \$7.50 at Welsberger's 2nd Floor.

### Women's Suits

Women's Suits of serge, crepe and linen, in a wide variety of colors; good, becoming styles and perfectly tailored; worth \$15 and \$20, special at \$4.95 Welsberger's 2nd Floor.

### Women's Dresses

Women's Dresses of crepe, lawns and volles, in pretty patterns and plain colors; long tunic skirts; worth \$1.50 and \$2, special at 69c Welsberger's 2nd Floor.

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Women's Stylish Dresses of crepe, lawns and volles, made with long tunic skirts and splendidly trimmed; worth \$3.00 and \$4.00, special at \$1.50 Welsberger's 2nd Floor.

### Women's Dresses

Women's Dresses, nicely trimmed and well made, from volles, lawns, lawns and fancies; long tunic skirt; worth \$6, \$7 and \$8, special at \$3.50 Welsberger's 2nd Floor.

### Women's Coats

Women's Spring Coats, in good colors; some Balmacean style, made of serge, crepe checks and fancy materials; worth \$7.50 and \$10, special at \$4.95 Welsberger's 2nd Floor.

### Women's Skirts

Women's Stylish Skirts, made of all-wool serge, in cream and pencil stripes; long Russian tunic effects; worth \$4.00 and \$5.00, special at \$1.95 Welsberger's 2nd Floor.

### Women's Waists

Women's Waists, of volles and crepe, in newest styles; plain white and fancy patterns; worth 75c and \$1.00, special at 39c Welsberger's 2nd Floor.

### Women's Waists

Women's Waists, made of volles, lawns, crepes and fancy materials; newest style sleeves and collar; worth \$1.25, special at 69c Welsberger's 2nd Floor.

### Women's Waists

Women's Waists of lawn, volles and silk, with vestee effect and pique cuffs and collars; newest fall styles; worth \$1.50, special at 95c Welsberger's 2nd Floor.

### Boy's Underwear

Boys' Nainsook Shirts and Drawers, made athletic style from fine materials; perfect fitting; worth 25c each, special at 15c Welsberger's 2nd Floor.

### Boy's Union Suits

Boys' Union Suits, made athletic style from fine quality nainsook; perfect fitting and worth 25c and 35c, special at 19c Welsberger's 2nd Floor.

### Bathing Suits

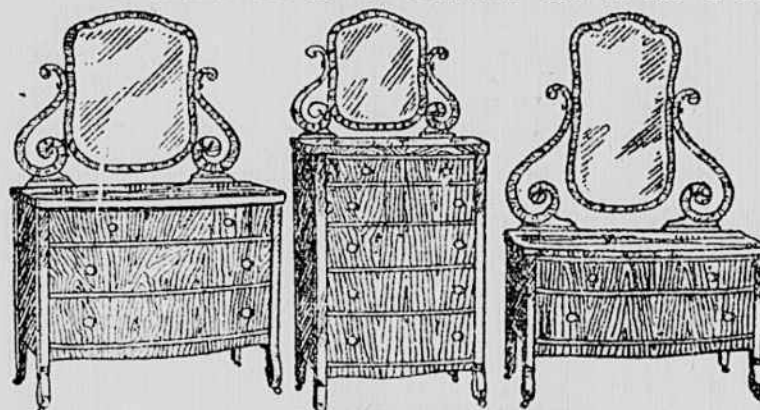
Women's Bathing Suits, made of black and blue mohair, nicely trimmed and well made; worth \$4 and \$5, special at \$2.50 Welsberger's 2nd Floor.

# RICHMOND'S GREATEST FURNITURE SALE

OFFERING MANUFACTURERS' SAMPLES AT SAVING OF 1/4 TO 1/2 OF AC

Our buyers were in attendance at the Great Furniture Exhibit of the manufacturers in GRA of manufacturer's samples which were on exhibition as well as surplus stocks at prices never before bound to be here to participate in the carnival of tremendous bargains this colossal occasion—prices—prices that will prove beyond the shadow of a doubt this great store's furniture supremacy in antee of absolute satisfaction just as though you paid full price for it. That our entire THIRD and FOURTH scope of this great occasion. All goods marked in plain figures. Read about our CLUB PAYMENT PLAN.

## This Splendid 4-Piece Bedroom Outfit Is a Wonder at Our Price

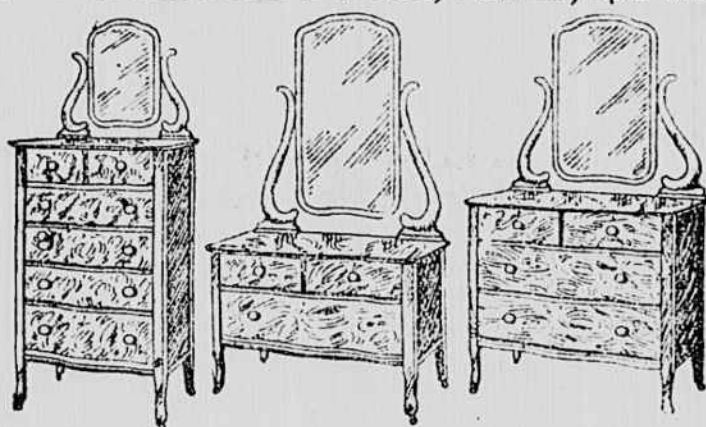


A BRASS BED  
A DRESSER  
A CHIFFONIER  
An Empress Dresser  
A 4-Piece Set Worth \$150

\$93.75

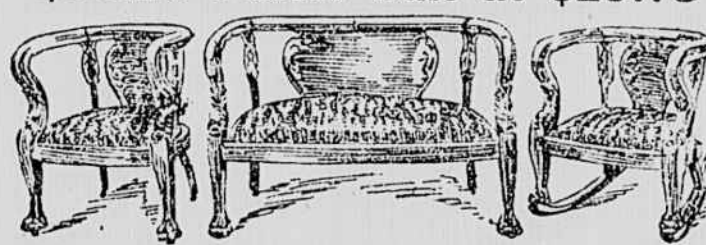
You will wonder how we can offer such a high-grade outfit at such a low price! That has been our aim, and we have succeeded far beyond our fondest expectations. The Brass Bed is a wonder, 2-inch continuous post, dull or polished 10-filler rods. The Dresser, Chiffonier and Empress Dresser are mahogany or bird's-eye maple. We also have it in Circassian walnut, \$103.25. You can buy each piece separate.

## \$25 Bedroom Pieces, Each, \$14.95



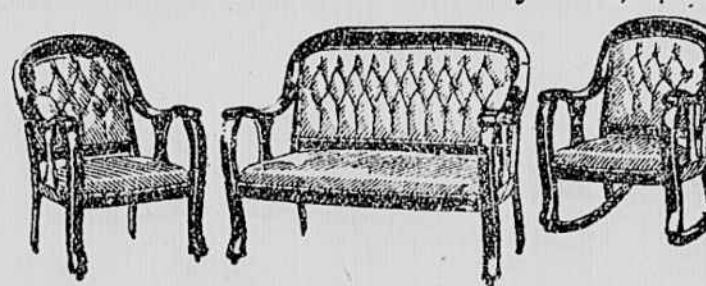
Your choice of Bureau, Chiffonier or Empress Dresser, each \$14.95. We can supply in quartered oak, mahogany, serpentine fronts, wood drawer pulls, large French bevel mirrors.

## \$56.25 Parlor Suit at \$29.75



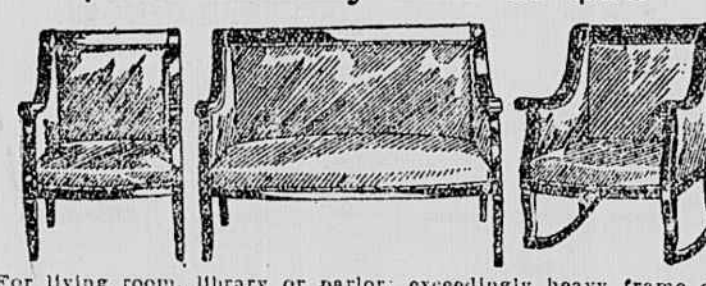
Three-piece Suit, with massive round frame, plain hand rubbed and polished mahogany finish; large hand cut claw foot, deep spring seat, heavy panel back, upholstered to your choice of either velvet, silk plush, panne, imitation or genuine leather; all colors.

## \$75 3-Piece Parlor or Library Suit, \$45



Massive mahogany frame. The illustration cannot do full justice to this beautiful suit. It is exceedingly heavy and well made. Upholstered in a very high grade brown Spanish leather, tufted back and genuine spring seat. It is a piece of art.

## \$125 Library Suit at \$65

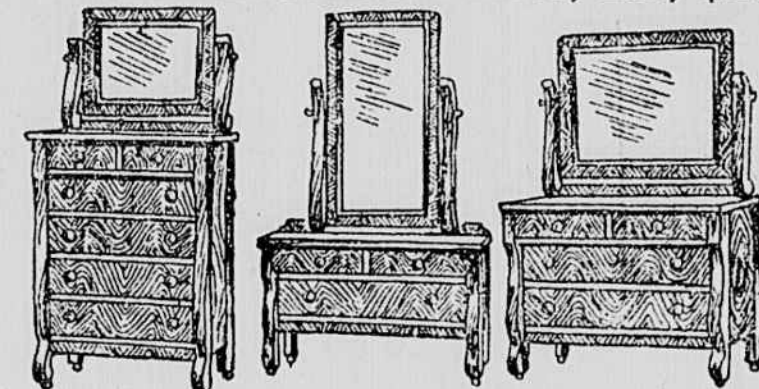


For living room, library or parlor; exceedingly heavy frame of mahogany with a Colonial leg; upholstered in fine grade of genuine brown Spanish leather; best steel constructed springs.

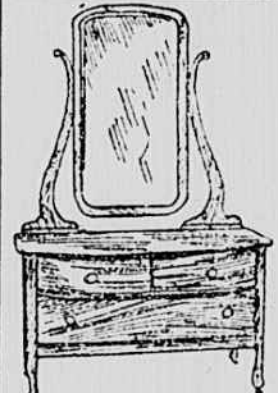
## Free Storage of Purchases

Any purchases made during this sale and not wanted right now will be stored free of charge until needed. NEWLY MARRIED couples who are not planning to go housekeeping immediately can take advantage of these tremendous bargains and have their purchases stored until wanted.

## \$45 Colonial Bedroom Pieces, Ea., \$29.75



Your choice quartered oak, mahogany, curly birch, bird's-eye maple or Circassian walnut; heavy plank tops, with three-inch frames; Colonial design. Dressing Tables to match, \$22.00 each.

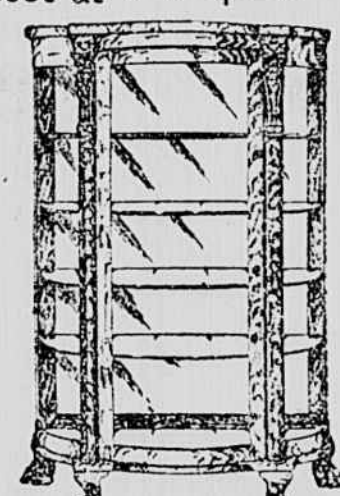


\$25.00  
Princess  
Dressers  
\$14.95

## \$35 Buffet \$22.50

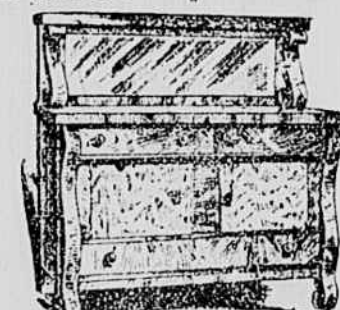


Beautiful Princess Dresser, in quartered oak or mahogany.  
\$39.00 China Closet at \$27.50



Quartered oak, bent end glass; four adjustable shelves, highly polished, acme of beauty and richness, very massive.

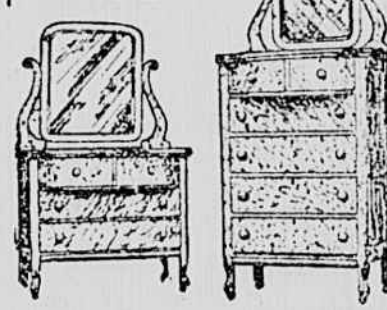
## \$55.00 Buffet \$35



Massive Colonial Buffet, 54 inches long, plank top; worth \$55.00; sale price \$35.00

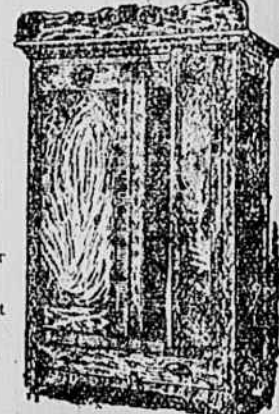
## \$20 Dresser or Chiffonier

\$11.95

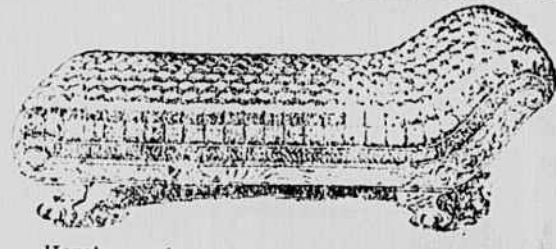


## Handsome Wardrobe \$7.95

A wonderful value—made of solid oak, in pretty golden oak finish. Very roomy, and as shown has large closet space and big drawer below. It's convenient and a necessary article in most every home.



## This \$15.00 Leather Couch, \$9.95



Here's an inexpensive Imitation Leather Full Size Couch that for the money has never been equalled. It's a comfortable, pleasing design and a wonderful value.

## FREE RAILROAD FARE

We will pay fare one way to out-of-town customers on all purchases of \$50.00, and fare both ways will be paid on all purchases of \$100.00 or over within 150 miles of Richmond.

## Club Payments

Enable you take advantage of these wonderful bargains, and have the use of the Furniture in your own home while paying for it in small weekly or monthly payments. Ask our salesman to explain this plan to you.

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